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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

HERMON-TAYLOR et al Atty. Ref.: 117-319

Serial No.: To Be Assigned Group Art Unit:

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For: DIAGNOSTICS AND VACCINES FOR MYCOBACTERIAL INFECTIONS OF
ANIMALS AND HUMANS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the fees, kindly preliminarily
amend this application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 3 and 4 without prejudice.

Claim 6, line 2, replace "any one of claims 1 to 4"
with --claim 1 or 2--.

Cancel claims 8 and 9 without prejudice.

Claim 10, line 1, replace "any one of claims 1 to 4" with --claim 1 or 2--.

Claim 11, lines 1 and 2, replace "any one of claims 1 to 4" with --claim 1 or 2--.

Claim 12, lines 1 and 2, replace "any one of claims 6 to 9" with --claim 6--.

Cancel claim 13 without prejudice.

Claim 14, lines 1 and 2, replace "any one of claims 1 to 4" with --claim 1 or 2--.

Claim 15, lines 1 and 2, replace "any one of claims 6 to 9" with --claim 6--, and
line 3, delete "or 13".

Claim 16, lines 3 and 4, replace "any one of claims 6 to 9" with --claim 6--.

Claim 17, line 2, replace "any one of claims 6 to 9" with --claim 6--; and

line 4, replace "any one of claims 6 to 9"
with --claim 6--.

Claim 18, line 2, replace "any one of claims 1 to 4"
with --claim 1 or 2--;

line 3, replace "any one of claims 6 to 9"
with --claim 6-- and delete "or" (second occurrence); and
line 4, delete "13".

Claim 19, line 1, delete "any one of";
line 2, replace "claims 6 to 9" with
--claim 6-- and replace "any one of claims 1 to 4" with
--claim 1 or 2--; and
line 3, delete "or 13".

Cancel claim 20 without prejudice.

Claim 21, line 2, replace "any one of claims 6 to 9"
with --claim 6--.

Claim 22, line 4, replace "any one of claims 1 to 4"
with --claim 1 or 2--.

Cancel claims 23 and 24 without prejudice.

Claim 25, lines 1-2, replace "any one of claims 6 to 9" with --claim 6--; and

line 2, replace "any one of claims 1 to 4" with --claim 1 or 2--.

Claim 26, line 1, replace "any one of claims 1 to 4" with --claim 1 or 2--.

Cancel claim 27 without prejudice.

Claim 28, line 1, delete "or 27".

Cancel claims 29 and 30 without prejudice.

Claim 31, line 3, replace "any one of claims 6 to 9" with --claim 6--.

Claim 32, lines 3-4, replace "any one of claims 1 to 4 and 26 to 29" with --claim 1 or 2--.

Claim 34, line 2, delete "or 33".

Claim 35, lines 2-3, replace "any one of claims 31 to 34" with --claim 32--.

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Claim 36, line 4, delete "or 8".

Claim 37, line 3, replace "any one of claims 6 to 9" with --claim 6--; and

line 4, replace "any one of claims 1 to 4" with --claim 1 or 2--.

Cancel claims 39, 41, 48 and 49 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application and entry of the foregoing amendments are respectfully requested.

An early and favorable Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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